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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5998-N-09]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection:

Closeout Instruction for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

AGENCY: Office of Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: [Insert date that is 60 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register.]

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James R. Castle, CPD Specialist, OBGA, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410; email James R. Castle at James.r.castle@hud.gov or telephone 202-402-2696. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Castle.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

A. Overview of Information Collection

<u>Title of Information Collection</u>: Closeout instructions for CDBG Programs.

OMB Approval Number: 2506-0193.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Form Number: HUD 7082-Funding Approval Form.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use:

The closeout instructions apply to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs (State CDBG Program, CDBG Disaster Recovery Supplemental Funding, CDBG-Recovery Act (CDBG-R)) and Neighborhood Stabilization Programs (NSP) 1, 2, & 3. Section 570.509 of the CDBG regulations contains the grant closeout criteria for Entitlement jurisdictions when HUD determines, in consultation with the recipients that a grant can be closed. The State CDBG program does not have a regulatory requirement for closeouts but has relied on administrative guidance. This is also true for the NSP, CDBG Disaster Recovery and CDBG-R programs administrated by the state. States will use the Notice as a vehicle to verify that State CDBG funds have been properly spent

before a grant may be officially closed. The HUD field office will prepare and send a closeout package that includes a transmittal letter, grant closeout agreement, grantee closeout certification and a closeout checklist to the grantee via email or standard mail. The information in the closeout package will assist the Department in determining whether all requirements of the contract between the Department and the Grantee have been completed.

The HUD 7082 Funding Approval Form

The Grant Agreement between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Grantee is made pursuant to the authority of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (42 USC 5301 et seq.). HUD will make the funding assistance as specified to the grantee upon execution of the Agreement.

Respondents (i.e. affected public): This information collection applies to all States, Entitlement jurisdictions, Insular Areas, non-entitlement counties in Hawaii and those non-entitlement counties directly funded by NSP 3 and CDBG-DR.

Estimated Number of Respondents /Estimated Number of Responses: The estimated combined number of respondents is 3,294 for the grant closeout task and for the HUD 7082 funding approval form. The proposed frequency of the response to the collection of information is annual to initiate the grant closeout reporting and submission of the funding approval agreement. The total annual reporting for grant closeout is estimated at 2602.77 hours for 1,728 grant recipients. The annual submission of the HUD 7082 funding approval form is estimated at 468.5 hours for 1,566 grant recipients.

Frequency of Response: At time of closeout.

Average Hours per Response: 6.23

<u>Total Estimated Burdens</u>: 2602.77 hours

Grant Closeout

Grant Program Closeout Task	Number of Respondents	Annual Frequency per Response	Burden Hours per Response	Total Burden Hours		
State						
CDBG States	50	1	3	150		
CDBG-R	50	.33	3	49.5		
¹Disaster	31	1	3	93		
² NSP	51	1	3	153		
States Total	182	3.33	12	445.5 hours		
Nonentitlement Counties in Hawaii						
CDBG-R	3	.33	3	2.97		
Counties in Hawaii Total	3	.33	3	2.97 hours		
Entitlement Jurisdictions						
Disaster	27	1	3	81		
² NSP	288	1	3	864		
CDBG/R	1175	.33	3	1163.25		
Entitlement Total	1491	2.33	9	2108.25 hours		
Nonentitlement Direct Grantees						
Disaster	1	1	3	3.00		
NSP 3	31	.25	3	23.25		
Nonentitlement Total	32	1.25	6	26.25 hours		
Non-Profit and Quasi-public Direct Grantees Responsibilities						
NSP 2	20	.33	3	19.8		
Non-Profits and Quasi-public Total	20	.33	3	19.8 hours		
Grant Closeout Total	1,728	7.57	33	2602.77 hours		

¹Disaster recovery funds are contingent upon if the President declared a major disaster and Congress provided a supplemental appropriation.

²NSP includes 1, 2, & 3 unless otherwise specified.

Funding Approval/Agreement Form for Grant	Number of Respondents	Annual Frequency per Response	Burden Hours per Response	Total Burden Hours		
Programs						
State						
CDBG State	50	1	.25	12.5		
¹Disaster	31	1	.25	7.75		
NSP-3	51	1	.25	12.75		
State Total	132	3	.75	33 hours		
Nonentitlement Counties in Hawaii						
CDBG	3	1	.25	.75		
Counties in Hawaii	3	1	.25	.75 hours		
Total						
Entitlement Jurisdictions						
Disaster	27	1	3	81.00		
CDBG/R	1,175	1	.25	293.75		
NSP-3	197	1	.25	49.25		
Entitlement Total	1399	3	3.50	424 hours		
Nonentitlement Direct Grantees						
Disaster	1	1	3	3		
NSP3	31	1	.25	7.75		
Nonentitlement Direct Grantees Total	32	1	3.25	10.75 hours		
Funding Approval Total	1,566	7	7.75	468.5 hours		

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B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

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(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of

information;

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to

respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms

of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

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